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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi KATSURABAYASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3623

Application No.: 09/386,339

Examiner: E. Shaffer

Filed: August 31, 1999

Docket No.: 104122

For: OPTIMUM OPERATOR SELECTION SUPPORT SYSTEM

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated January 21, 2004.

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application with no Board Decision on the merits).

The shortened statutory period having expired April 21, 2004, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for two (2) months. Included in our enclosed check is \$420.00 in payment of the fee for a two (2) month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal.

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